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SUBJECT: FRG INITIATIVE ON TERRORISM

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BEGIN SUMMARY. FRG EXPECTS TO RECOMMEND IN SECURITY
COUNCIL DEBATE TODAY A CONVENTION AGAINST TAKING OF
HOSTAGES. FRG PLANS FOR ACTION AGAINST TERRORISM
DURING THE UNGA ARE HEIGHTENED BUT NOT CLEAR AT THIS
STAGE. END SUMMARY.

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1. FONOFF HAS AUTHORIZED FRG UN AMBASSADOR VON WECHMAR

TO PARTICIPATE IN SC DEBATE ON ENTEBBE INCIDENT. FONOFF EXPECTS VON WECHMAR TO MAKE STATEMENT TODAY, JULY 12.

2. IN ITS STATEMENT TO SC, FRG WILL RECOMMEND CONCLUSION OF A CONVENTION AGAINST THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES. THE FONOFF TELLS US THAT VON WECHMAR HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED ONLY TO MAKE THIS RECOMMENDATION AND NOT RPT NOT TO GO INTO GREATER DETAIL. THE FRG RECOMMENDATION IS DESIGNED MORE FOR POLITICAL IMPACT THAN ACTUAL EFFECT.

3. ACCORDING TO THE FONOFF, THE FRG'S PLANS FOR ACTION AGAINST TERRORISM AT THE UNGA ARE NOT YET FINAL.

4. COMMENT: AS REPORTED IN BONN 11205, THE FRG HAD JUST ABOUT GIVEN UP HOPE OF ACHIEVING ANYTHING USEFUL ON TERRORISM AT THE UNGA. FRG BILATERAL APPROACHES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN SUPPORT OF AN ANTI-TERRORISM CONVENTION HAD ONLY CONVINCED THE FRG OF THE FUTILITY OF SEEKING ONE. INTENSIVE CONSULTATION WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NINE HAD PRODUCED ONLY AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE A PARAGRAPH IN THE EC PRESIDENT'S (DUTCH) SPEECH AT THE UNGA (PLUS INTENSIFIED INTRA-EC COOPERATION).

5. HOWEVER, ENTEBBE HAS PROMPTED THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVELS IN THE FRG TO ADVOCATE ONCE AGAIN SOME EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL ACTION AGAINST TERRORISM. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAS PURSUED THIS SUBJECT WITH GISCARD AND KREISKY, BOTH OF WHOM HE HAS SEEN SINCE ENTEBBE. FONMIN GENSCHER HAS PUBLICLY SUGGESTED THAT THE FRG WILL SEEK AN AGREEMENT AT THE UNGA DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THE TRACKING DOWN, PUNISHMENT OR EXTRADITION OF ANYONE TAKING HOSTAGES. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN KLAUS BOELLING HAS CALLED FOR THE UNGA TO ADOPT A CONVENTION (RESOLUTION?) ON COMBATTING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

6. FRG SPOKESMEN HAVE CAREFULLY INDICATED THAT THE FRG WISHES TO PROCEED AT THE UN WITH SUPPORT FROM THE REST OF THE NINE. WE BELIEVE THE FRG IS SEEKING THIS
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SUPPORT, AS IT HAS IN THE PAST, BUT USING THE ENTEBBE INCIDENT TO BUTTRESS ITS CASE. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS AS IF THE FRG DOES NOT HAVE THIS SUPPORT IN HAND AT THE MOMENT. SCHMIDT MAY SEEK IT AT TODAY'S AND TOMORROW'S MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL.

7. IF SUPPORT FROM THE NINE IS NOT FORTHCOMING, THE FRG MAY GO AHEAD ON ITS OWN. GENSCHER'S (A FORMER

MINISTER OF INTERIOR) INTEREST IN TERRORISM IS HIGH.
SCHMIDT DID NOT ENJOY BEING BLACKMAILED BY THE ENTEBBE
HIJACKERS AND, EVER SINCE THE STOCKHOLM
INCIDENT OF LAST YEAR, HE HAS BEEN TAKING A FIRMER
LINE AGAINST TERRORISM.

8. WE EXPECT THAT FRG PLANS FOR THE UNGA WILL FIRM UP
IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND WILL REPORT AS THEY DO.
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